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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the United States Patent Application of

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Title: **FINE SUSPENSIONS OF POORLY SOLUBLE CALCIUM SALTS  
AND THEIR USE IN DENTAL CARE PRODUCTS**

**Authorization To Charge Deposit Account**

Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination. The \$810.00 RCE fee is being paid by credit card during the electronic filing procedure. However, in the event the amount paid is incorrect, the Director is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 160750 of the undersigned attorney's law firm.

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**Amendment and Response**  
**To United States Patent and Trademark Office**  
**Examiner's Action Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111**

Dear Sir:

**I. Introduction**

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated November 2, 2007. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' reply of three months, *i.e.*, by February 2, 2008. February 2, 2008, falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, Applicants' Amendment and Response, which is being filed electronically on Monday, February 4, 2008, is timely under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.7.

The Action is a Final Action. Accordingly, Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e). Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114(d), "If an applicant timely files a submission and fee set forth in Section 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office Action and the submission will be entered and considered." For that reason, Applicants' Amendment and Response is captioned as being under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.111.